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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

For:

RATTI et al.

Serial No. 09/868,293

Filed: March 4, 2002

In response to the restriction requirement of the outstanding Office Action mailed May 20, 2003, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-4, 12-15, and 18, with traverse, to prosecute on the merits. In response to the protein election requirement, applicants elect the protein spot number 12, the L7/L12 protein.

Please enter the following amendment prior to examining the application referenced above.

Applicant requests a three (3) month extension of time until September 22, 2003 (September 20, 2003 being a Saturday and September 21, 2003 being a Sunday) to file a response to the restriction requirement. However, if additional fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.